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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/245,347	AKAMATSU ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Alpus H. Hsu	2616	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment after final filed March 8, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 33-38, 47, 39-43, 48, 44-46 and 49 now renumbered as 1-17 in order.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

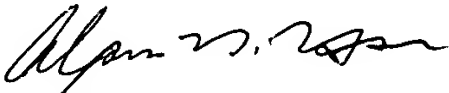
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |


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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Carl I. Brundidge on March 21, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 33, line 6, "a number" has been changed to -- two separate numbers --;

line 8, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --;

line 16, "the number" has been changed to -- each separate number --.

Claim 34, line 4, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --;

line 5, "said d number" has been changed to -- said two separate numbers --.

Claim 37, line 4, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --;

line 5, "said d number" has been changed to -- said two separate numbers --.

Claim 38, line 2, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --.

Claim 39, line 7, "a number" has been changed to -- two separate numbers --;

line 9, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --;

line 15, "said number" has been changed to -- each separate number --.

Claim 40, line 4, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --;

line 5, "said number" has been changed to -- said two separate numbers --.

Claim 43, line 4, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --;

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line 5, "said number" has been changed to -- said two separate numbers --.

Claim 44, line 4, "a number" has been changed to -- two separate numbers --;

line 6, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --;

line 11, "the number" has been changed to -- each separate number --.

Claim 45, line 3, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --;

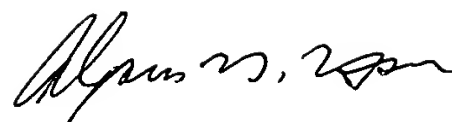
lines 4-5, "said number" has been changed to -- said two separate numbers --.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alpus H. Hsu whose telephone number is (571)272-3146. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (5:30-3:00) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on (571)272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alpus H. Hsu".

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